

The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)
We are going to celebrate Christmas
this week. Although its on the calendar for
the 25th of December every year. The coming of
Jesus into the world as a baby in a manger

should be celebrated every day of the
year. We will talk about the baby Jesus soon
but I want to focus in on all the characters
of the Christmas story, and tell you some
of the exciting and helpful things we can learn

Have you ever heard a fella say 'I'm not a
real Dr but I play one on TV, well I'm not
a real shepherd, but I do play one in a church
mas play before. Now Shepherds are not the

main people in the Gospel stories but they
are important there are many lessons about the Gospel

I. The Good news was shown to them ⁽²⁻¹⁴⁾

Now you might think that a shepherd was import-
ant to them. But not really. It was the Jews. No body
wanted "Dirty Jews" So if you had world wide
great news, the last place you would take it would
be to shepherds, But God did (apply). It was fearful
news. Scared at first (apply). But they soon
realized it was good news! Gospel news (apply)

Angels told them where they could go and
find it! King of Kings... could he find his father? (apply)

II. The Good news was listened to by them ⁽¹⁵⁻¹⁶⁾

What do you think they did? That was amaze-
-some now get back to work! No they listened

Not only hear, but listen. They heard the news. They left their sheep. They turned away from what they treasured most. Repent to turn. (Apply). Vs 16. Exactly they did not have a tough time finding Jesus when he left (Apply). Just as the angels of old gave the news to the shepherds, so I to you! Come! Turn!

III The Good news was ⁽¹⁷⁻¹⁸⁾ Told by them - They found the baby Jesus. Their life would never be the same. They had heard of him so long but now they knew him personally (Apply). They then began to tell. They began to gossip the gospel. This great good news was not to be kept a secret. When I was 9 yrs old, 21 years (Apply). And people listened! They wondered they stopped and thought about the news that was given to them (Apply).

IV The Good news was ⁽⁵⁰⁾ Lived out by them - Now when they met Jesus they did not stop being shepherds. They had to go back & see to their obligations. Yet their life would never be the same. (Apply) They went back praising and thanking God for the news they had seen and the Jesus they had met. And that's the last we see of them. That's the way every person that meets Jesus should live their life. That's what this church is about.

V Close - Some of you today may be like shepherds. No you are not wearing both robes and a shepherds crook. But heard good news and to